



# Jon Meade Huntsman, Jr.

## Governor

### Declaration

**Whereas**, we, as grateful citizens of this Nation, should honor the men and women that have made or are making the tremendous personal sacrifices necessary to secure and maintain our freedom and way of life;

**Whereas**, soldiers give up jobs, family, comforts, and safety to fulfill an obligation we depend on them to do;

**Whereas**, soldiers are sometimes assailed with pressure, discouragement, low morale, criticism, and protests;

**Whereas**, the freedoms we take for granted were bought with the price of soldier's sacrifice and blood;

**Whereas**, it is our patriotic, moral and ethical duty to personally thank those who sacrifice so we can exercise our rights and freedoms;

**Whereas**, a day of recognition has been organized by a group of students from West Jordan High School;

**Whereas**, it is the hope of the organizers of this recognition to spread nationwide the practice of public expression of gratitude to soldiers;

**Now, Therefore**, I, Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., Governor of the State of Utah, do hereby declare March 19, 2005, as

## Thank a Soldier Day

**Governor**